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Overall orientation

17.1 The programme is under the responsibility of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

17.2 The programme aims to promote regional cooperation and integration as a means of achieving sustainable development in the ECE region. To ensure an integrated approach to sustainable development and the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the programme will enhance existing synergies and linkages between its eight subprogrammes: (a) environment; (b) transport; (c) statistics; (d) economic cooperation and integration; (e) sustainable energy; (f) trade; (g) forestry and timber; and (h) housing, land management and population. Furthermore, it will align every subprogramme to their specific Sustainable Development Goals and related targets, with due consideration to climate change mitigation and adaptation measures.

17.3 Consistent with the legislative mandates, including Commission decision A (65) of 11 April 2013 on the outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE, the programme will promote regional cooperation and integration through (a) policy dialogue, (b) normative work and (c) technical cooperation.

17.4 Due consideration will be given to the gender dimension of development, given that women constitute more than half of the world's population and are active agents and beneficiaries of sustainable development in the region. Gender equality and the empowerment of women will be integrated into the ECE programme of work in accordance with the United Nations System-wide Action Plan and Sustainable Development Goal 5. In particular, the programme will focus on women in the economy and promote women's entrepreneurship in the region.

17.5 ECE will also pursue system-wide coherence in its programme delivery to avoid overlap, reduce duplication, multiply effect, increase impact and ensure the sustainability of its work in the region. To that end, it will draw upon the work of other United Nations entities and relevant organizations. It will provide leadership to the Regional Coordination Mechanism and contribute to the work of the United Nations Development Group for Europe and Central Asia by supporting the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and One United Nations programmes in the region.

17.6 The United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, jointly implemented by ECE and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, will continue to serve as the major framework for ECE cooperation with other relevant stakeholders in Central Asia.

17.7 Within its mandate, the programme will contribute to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including within the framework of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

17.8 The ECE Executive Committee approved the strategic framework for programme 17, Economic development in Europe, for the period 2018-2019 at its 81st meeting on 23 November 2015, without prejudice to the outcome of the review of the legislative mandates by the Committee.

Subprogramme 1
Environment

Objective of the Organization: To improve environmental governance and performance throughout the region for safeguarding the environment and health

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Improved response to environmental challenges by ECE constituencies	Number of new measures taken by ECE constituencies in response to existing and emerging environmental challenges
(b) Strengthened implementation of ECE multilateral environmental commitments and increased geographical coverage	(i) Increased percentage of Contracting Parties reporting on the implementation of ECE multilateral environmental agreements (ii) Increased number of Contracting Parties to the ECE multilateral environmental agreements
(c) Strengthened national capacity for environmental monitoring and assessment systems in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe	Increased percentage of implementation of ECE recommendations on environmental monitoring by member States
(d) Improved environmental performance of interested countries	Percentage of environmental performance review recommendations implemented by countries reviewed during a biennium

Strategy

17.9 The Environment Division is responsible for implementing the subprogramme. The subprogramme will contribute to the implementation of the outcomes of global and regional summits and conferences on the environment and sustainable development, in particular the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Given that the environment represents one of the dimensions of sustainable development, the subprogramme will support the achievement of all Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goals 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 13, 16 and 17. The work will be carried out through international policy dialogue, normative work, capacity-building and the dissemination of best practices and lessons learned in the areas of air quality, water, industrial safety, public participation, environmental assessment, monitoring and performance, education for sustainable development and mainstreaming of environmental concerns into other dimensions of sustainable development.

17.10 Using a country needs-based approach, the work will focus on strengthening the capacity of the countries from the Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern and South-Eastern Europe in environmental policymaking and management, including for the effective implementation of environmental legislation.

17.11 The subprogramme will work on enhancing environmental governance in the region and cross-border cooperation between countries. It will further strengthen integration of environmental concerns into sectoral policies through the implementation of ECE policy tools, education for sustainable development,

transport, health and environment, the ECE multilateral environmental agreements and the sharing of information (e.g., through the Shared Environmental Information System), experiences and good practices in the ECE region. Cross-sectoral work will also include the promotion of synergies between ECE legal instruments. The subprogramme will also work with interested non-ECE countries, in particular those interested in joining the multilateral environmental agreements that are open to global accession.

17.12 The subprogramme will continue to conduct environmental performance reviews, assist member States in the implementation of the recommendations from those reviews and monitor the impact of the recommendations on national policies. The subprogramme will also strengthen the capacity of member States to implement ECE guidelines and recommendations for environmental monitoring and assessment.

Subprogramme 2
Transport

Objective of the Organization: To improve sustainable inland transport with a view to making it safe, clean and competitive, both for freight and personal mobility

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Strengthened legal and regulatory framework for international land transport (road, rail, inland waterway and intermodal transport), transport infrastructure, border-crossing facilitation, transport of dangerous goods, vehicle construction and other transport-related services	(i) Increased number of United Nations legal instruments on transport administered by ECE that are in force
	(ii) Number of new vehicle regulations and amendments adopted
	(iii) Number of international legal instruments brought into compliance with the latest revised edition of the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods
(b) Greater geographical coverage and more effective monitoring of implementation of United Nations legal instruments and recommendations on transport administered by ECE	(i) Increased number of Contracting Parties, including from outside the region, to United Nations legal instruments and recommendations on transport administered by ECE
	(ii) Increased number of mechanisms agreed by Contracting Parties for monitoring the implementation of United Nations legal instruments and recommendations administered by ECE

(c) Enhanced capacity in ECE member States, particularly in landlocked developing countries, for the development of the pan-European and transcontinental transport infrastructure and transport facilitation measures	(i) Increased number of Contracting Parties to four key transport infrastructure agreements (ii) Increased number of member States using the ECE common framework for subregional transport infrastructure development (Euro-Asian Transport Links project, Trans-European Motorway project and Trans-European Railway project)
(d) Strengthened capacity to implement relevant United Nations legal instruments, norms and regulations on transport, in particular in the countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia	(i) Increased number of countries of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia that report adopting measures to apply United Nations legal instruments, norms and regulations on transport administered by ECE (ii) Increased number of ECE member States with established road safety improvement targets

Strategy

17.13 The Sustainable Transport Division is responsible for implementing the subprogramme. The subprogramme will contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the transport-related Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goals 3, 9, 11 and 13. Its objective will be achieved through:

(a) Normative work on the further development of legal and regulatory frameworks for inland transport at international, national and local levels through new instruments and the updating, as needed, of 58 legal instruments that cover all modes of inland transport, vehicle regulations and the transport of dangerous goods;

(b) Policy dialogue and support for cooperation among Governments and other stakeholders. The subprogramme will focus on fostering sustainable transport development; promoting new accessions to the United Nations legal instruments administered by ECE and assisting their implementation and strengthening their monitoring mechanisms; the management of border-crossing and transit facilitation; sharing best practices and lessons learned; and addressing rapid technological changes, particularly the impact of the increased use of information and communications technologies in transport and the use of electronic documents. In line with the United Nations Decade of Action for Road Safety, special focus will be placed on United Nations legal instruments on road safety;

(c) Strengthening national capacity for the development of pan-European and transcontinental transport infrastructure, including transport and border-crossing facilitation, taking into account the special needs of landlocked transition economies. The Trans-European Motorway and the Trans-European Railway projects will build on their master plans and on specific high-value projects. The development of Euro-Asian Transport Links and the unified railway law will be

promoted. The strengthening of transport links between Europe and Africa and between Europe and the Middle East, including the Mediterranean region, will be also supported;

(d) The subprogramme will use its in-house developed analytical tools such as the For Future Inland Transport System (ForFITS) and the CO2 scenario-building tool and related new modules (including a module on road safety) in carrying out policy reviews, assessing the environmental and safety performance of the transport and logistics sector, assessing the sector's contribution to national competitiveness and developing policy options for sustainable urban mobility. Particular attention will be paid to the development of capacity for high-quality transport statistics.

17.14 To achieve goals in the above four functional areas, the subprogramme will:

(a) Act as custodian of the United Nations legal instruments on transport;

(b) Undertake analytical activities;

(c) Promote the achievement of the transport-related Sustainable Development Goals and targets for road safety, resilient infrastructure, energy efficiency and sustainable urban mobility in and between cities;

(d) Strengthen cooperation and partnerships with regional economic organizations, as well as other international organizations relevant for transport;

(e) Work on multisectoral projects, with particular focus on servicing the Pan European Programme on Transport, Health and Environment, jointly with subprogramme 1 (Environment).

17.15 The Division will continue to service the ECE Inland Transport Committee and its 20 working parties; the Economic and Social Council Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals and its 2 subcommittees; and the 14 treaty bodies (administrative committees to transport legal instruments). The Division will also continue supporting the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Road Safety.

Subprogramme 3
Statistics

Objective of the Organization: To develop official statistics at the national and international levels for evidence-based policymaking and assessing progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals, and to ensure the coordination of statistical activities in the ECE region under the Conference of European Statisticians

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Streamlined international statistical work in support of monitoring the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals	(i) Increased number of international organizations involved in the regional monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals in coordination with the statistical work of the Conference of European Statisticians
	(ii) Number of new statistical areas reviewed in depth by the Bureau of the Conference of European Statisticians
(b) Updated and newly developed standards and recommendations to enhance the quality and international comparability of statistics and monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals	(i) Number of new and/or revised international statistical standards and recommendations developed with input from ECE
	(ii) Increased number of statistical areas (according to the International Statistical Activity classification) in which ECE provides methodological support for measuring progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals
(c) Improved national capacity to implement international standards and recommendations in official statistics, including on the Sustainable Development Goals and gender-sensitive indicators	(i) Increased number of recommendations from global assessments of national statistical systems, including on the Sustainable Development Goals and gender-sensitive indicators, addressed by member States with developing statistical systems in their strategies for statistical development
	(ii) Increased percentage of national experts, including women, that express satisfaction with ECE training in official statistics
(d) Improved availability and increased use of statistics from the ECE database, in particular related to the Sustainable Development Goals, gender equality and key socioeconomic indicators in support of evidence-based policymaking and research in ECE	(i) Increased number of member States that use the ECE statistical database for evidence-based policymaking and research
	(ii) Increased percentage of users that express satisfaction with the ECE statistical database as a tool for their work

Strategy

17.16 The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Statistical Division.

17.17 The subprogramme will coordinate international statistical activities through the Conference of European Statisticians, joint expert meetings and working groups to share good practices and expertise in official statistics. The subprogramme will ensure effective collaboration and the efficient use of resources through close partnerships among national and international statistical organizations.

17.18 The subprogramme will develop standards and recommendations in priority areas identified by the ECE member States, with a focus on supporting the monitoring of progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; the measurement of climate change; globalization; population, poverty and inequality; and the modernization of statistical production, including the use of geospatial information. Work will be undertaken in close cooperation with experts from ECE member States and international organizations through expert groups, each of them developing methodological and practical guidelines to address a specific gap or challenge in official statistics.

17.19 The subprogramme will support the statistical capacity-building of ECE member States, particularly those with less developed statistical systems. It will promote the implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and other United Nations standards and best practices and provide advice on legal and institutional frameworks of official statistics. The work will be demand-driven and address national priorities identified through global assessments of national statistical systems. It will focus on modernizing statistical production, population censuses, the Sustainable Development Goals indicators, gender-disaggregated statistics, economic statistics and environmental accounting and indicators.

17.20 The subprogramme will collect and disseminate key socioeconomic statistics of ECE member States, including on progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and gender equality. The subprogramme will promote the use of those statistics and make them accessible to the public on the Internet. A specific framework will be applied to ensure the quality, coverage and timeliness of the information.

Subprogramme 4
Economic cooperation and integration

Objective of the Organization: To improve a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to the sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness of economies in the ECE region

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Improved international policy dialogue on promoting sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness in the ECE region	Number of new international best practices and standards resulting from policy dialogue among member States

(b) Improved understanding at the national level of policy options to promote sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness	Number of new national assessments and sets of tailored policy recommendations developed in cooperation with recipient member States
(c) Enhanced national implementation of ECE policy recommendations and standards on promoting a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness	Number of new measures taken by member States to implement ECE policy recommendations

Strategy

17.21 The Economic Cooperation and Trade Division is responsible for implementing the subprogramme. The subprogramme will contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development including the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 8, 9, 12 and 17 related to innovation, competitiveness and public-private partnerships through:

(a) International policy dialogue promoting a financial and regulatory environment conducive to sustained economic growth, innovative development and greater competitiveness, resulting in the identification of international good practices and, where appropriate, the development of international standards;

(b) Demand-driven national assessments of policy, financial and regulatory environments in the areas of the work of the subprogramme, resulting in tailored policy recommendations;

(c) Capacity-building and policy advice to support implementation of ECE policy recommendations and standards.

17.22 The subprogramme will focus on two complementary areas: (a) innovation and competitiveness policies; and (b) public-private partnerships for infrastructure development in areas such as roads, ports, water and waste management. The work on innovation and competitive policies will support sustainable economic growth, innovative development and competitiveness by promoting best practices in national innovation systems, innovation financing and the creation of a supportive business climate. The work on public-private partnerships will support the same objective by promoting innovative ways of financing, building and managing infrastructure critical for international competitiveness.

17.23 Policy dialogues will draw on the knowledge of national and international experts in order to identify a wide range of best practices. Implementation will be supported through the development of policy recommendations and standards based on the outcome of intergovernmental dialogue. Policy advisory services and capacity-building assistance will be demand-driven and focused on supporting the implementation of ECE policy recommendations and standards.

17.24 The subprogramme will draw upon the work of other relevant organizations and institutions operating in this field. It will strengthen partnerships with United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and national public-private partnership units in the region.

17.25 The work of the subprogramme will be supported by the teams of specialists on innovation and competitive policies and on public-private partnerships.

Subprogramme 5
Sustainable energy

Objective of the Organization: To improve access to affordable and clean energy for all and to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the carbon footprint of the energy sector in the region

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Improved policy dialogue and cooperation among all stakeholders on sustainable energy issues, in particular energy efficiency, cleaner electricity production from fossil fuels, renewable energy, coal mine methane, mineral resource classification, natural gas and energy security	(i) Increased number of recommendations on sustainable energy issues agreed by ECE intergovernmental bodies (ii) Increased number of measures on affordable and clean energy for all taken by member States
(b) Increased awareness of the role of energy efficiency and renewable energy in achieving sustainable energy development	(i) Increased number of member States implementing measures to raise the uptake of energy efficiency (ii) Increased number of member States implementing measures to raise the share of renewable energy in energy mixes
(c) Strengthened implementation of ECE recommendations/guidelines, best practices and other normative instruments for sustainable energy development	(i) Increased number of member States applying the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources (ii) Increased number of member States applying the Best Practice Guidance for Effective Methane Drainage and Use in Coal Mines

Strategy

17.26 The Sustainable Energy Division is responsible for implementing the subprogramme. The subprogramme will contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the energy-related Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goals 7, 9 11, 12 and 13. The objective of the subprogramme will be achieved through:

(a) International policy dialogue and cooperation among Governments, energy industries and other stakeholders to foster sustainable energy development in States Members of the United Nations, improve their access to affordable and clean energy for all and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the carbon footprint of the energy sector, in line with the energy-related Sustainable Development Goals;

(b) Development and extension of ECE policy recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools on energy-related issues;

(c) Assistance to member States, at their request, through training programmes, advisory services and technical cooperation projects to build capacity for applying the normative instruments, and the dissemination of best practices and lessons learned in the areas of its work.

17.27 The work of the subprogramme falls under three broad and critical areas: (a) reconciling the reality of fossil fuels' enduring share of the energy mix with the need to address climate change; (b) enhancing integration of energy markets in the region; and (c) facilitating the transition to a sustainable energy system. The subprogramme will focus on issues related to energy security, energy efficiency, cleaner electricity production, renewable energy, coal mine methane, natural gas and the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Reserves and Resources. The subprogramme will also continue its policy dialogue on energy security.

17.28 The work of the subprogramme will strengthen regional cooperation, promote activities that significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide a forum for multi-stakeholder dialogue on ways to promote the sustainable and clean production, distribution and consumption of energy.

Subprogramme 6
Trade

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen trade facilitation and trade-related economic cooperation in the ECE region and beyond

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Increased consensus on and strengthened implementation of ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools for trade facilitation and electronic business	(i) Number of new and/or revised recommendations, norms, standards and tools for trade facilitation and electronic business adopted by ECE intergovernmental bodies
	(ii) Number of new measures introduced by member States to implement ECE trade recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools
(b) Increased consensus on the development of ECE recommendations and guidelines for regulatory cooperation	Number of new and/or revised recommendations and guidelines for regulatory cooperation adopted by ECE intergovernmental bodies
(c) Increased consensus on and strengthened implementation of ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools for agricultural quality standards	(i) Number of new and/or revised recommendations and standards on agricultural produce adopted by ECE intergovernmental bodies
	(ii) Increased number of implementations of ECE agricultural quality standards by member States

Strategy

17.29 The Economic Cooperation and Trade Division is responsible for implementing the subprogramme. The subprogramme will contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals related to trade and trade facilitation, in particular Goals 2, 8 and 17. The objective of the subprogramme will be achieved through:

(a) International policy dialogue on reducing regulatory and procedural barriers to trade that hamper market access, including those caused by cumbersome procedures and substantial paperwork; differences in trade procedures, standards and documents; and divergent regulatory approaches and product standards;

(b) Normative work to develop standards and recommendations in the areas of trade facilitation, agricultural quality standards and regulatory cooperation;

(c) Demand-driven training workshops and advisory services to support the adoption and implementation of ECE standards and recommendations and to disseminate best practices and lessons learned in the subprogramme's areas of work.

17.30 The subprogramme will contribute to the establishment of an open, rule-based, predictable and non-discriminatory global trading system. To that end, the subprogramme will promote:

(a) Simple, transparent and effective processes for global commerce through the development and maintenance of trade facilitation instruments to support integration into the global economy and international supply chains;

(b) A predictable and harmonized regulatory environment by strengthening regulatory cooperation and promoting standards and best practices in regulatory frameworks, risk management, conformity assessment and market surveillance;

(c) Agricultural trade through the development of up-to-date agricultural quality standards and explanatory guidelines.

17.31 The subprogramme will support Governments in their national and regional adaptation and implementation of ECE trade-related standards and recommendations in trade facilitation strategies, trade policy and regulatory regimes.

Subprogramme 7
Forestry and timber

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen sustainable management of forests in the ECE region

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Improved monitoring and assessment of the forest sector to support sustainable forest management	(i) Increased percentage of ECE member States providing satisfactory data on qualitative indicators of sustainable forest management
	(ii) Increased percentage of ECE member States providing satisfactory data on quantitative indicators of sustainable forest management
(b) Increased national capacity of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-East Europe in sustainable forest management	Number of new measures taken by member States to apply measurement standards and monitoring tools on sustainable forest management developed by ECE

Strategy

17.32 The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Forests, Land and Housing Division. The objective of the subprogramme will be achieved through international policy dialogue, analytical and normative work, capacity-building and the dissemination of best practices and lessons learned.

17.33 The subprogramme will provide a platform for policy dialogue on forest-related issues while taking into account a rapidly changing policy environment. It will contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, notably Goal 15. The subprogramme will promote the role of the forest sector in a green economy in the context of sustainable development and in climate change mitigation and adaptation through the implementation of the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy. The subprogramme will develop and apply analytical and monitoring tools to support evidence-based policymaking on sustainable forest management. In particular, the subprogramme will collect, validate and disseminate information and the results of research and analysis, facilitate the exchange of national experience and best practices and monitor progress on key forest-sector indicators.

17.34 The subprogramme will promote the sustainable management of forests through the sound and legal use of forest products (including raw material, energy and forest ecosystem services) by (a) encouraging all relevant stakeholders to participate in and implement the activities of the subprogramme and (b) adopting a cross-sectoral approach to ensure that the strategy is well integrated into the policy framework of other sectors. The subprogramme and its partners will support country-level efforts to implement the forest-related Sustainable Development Goals by defining measurement standards and policy tools, developing and disseminating

concepts, facilitating the exchange of information and national experiences and providing capacity-building.

17.35 Priorities for the biennium 2018-2019 will be guided primarily by the outcomes of the joint session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) European Forestry Commission (to be held in 2017) and the integrated programme of work of the joint ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section for 2018-2021. The subprogramme will support the development of cross-sectoral and cross-institutional policies promoting sustainable forest management and enhanced forest governance in line with the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

17.36 As part of the implementation strategy of the subprogramme, ECE will carry out its work in partnership with FAO, the European Forest Institute, Forest Europe and other relevant regional organizations.

Subprogramme 8
Housing, land management and population

Objective of the Organization: To improve housing, urban and land governance, and to promote the evidence-based formulation and implementation of sustainable housing, land, population and social cohesion policies in the region

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	*Indicators of achievement*
(a) Improved capacity for formulation and implementation of evidence-based policies in housing, urban development and land management	Number of new measures adopted by member States in areas of housing and land management based on ECE studies, policy documents and results-oriented assessments
(b) Strengthened implementation of ECE guidelines on housing, urban development and land management	Increased number of member States that apply ECE guidelines on housing, urban planning and land management in their national policies
(c) Enhanced national formulation and implementation of evidence-based policies on population ageing and intergenerational and gender relations	Increased number of member States that have adjusted their national policies or introduced new measures for implementing the ECE Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

Strategy

17.37 The subprogramme consists of two components: (a) housing and land management in the Forests, Land and Housing Division; and (b) population in the Statistics Division.

17.38 The subprogramme will contribute to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the achievement of the housing, urban and land-related Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goal 11, as well as of the population-related Goals, especially Goals 1, 3 and 5. Due consideration will be given to the

integration of climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning in the area of housing and land management.

17.39 The objective of the subprogramme will be achieved through: (a) international policy dialogue on housing, urban development and land administration, and on population issues; (b) normative work on affordable and energy efficient housing, urban planning and development and land administration; and (c) capacity-building and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned in all areas of the subprogramme's work.

17.40 The housing and land management component will work to improve housing, urban development and land administration and management. It will support the implementation of the Geneva United Nations Charter on Sustainable Housing and of the Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020.

17.41 The subprogramme will support member States in improving energy efficiency in buildings to facilitate the maintenance, management and refurbishment of existing housing stock and developing sustainable real estate markets. It will also address housing affordability, adaptation of the housing stock to demographic changes and access to healthy and safe housing.

17.42 The subprogramme will promote an integrated approach to the planning of cities and human settlements. It will focus on compact, efficient and inclusive cities, as well as low-carbon and disaster resilient urban development. It will also support the implementation of the ECE "smart city" indicators and standards and the preparation of "smart city" profiles.

17.43 The subprogramme will promote security of tenure and improvement of cadastres and land registries. It will address land registration, e-governance, land tenure and spatial information and cadastres with an emphasis on governance, innovation and capacity-building in land administration.

17.44 Country profiles on housing and land management will be conducted upon the request of member States. That work will also include the monitoring of and support to the implementation of the recommendations of country profiles, including through national action plans.

17.45 The population component of the subprogramme will work to ensure progress in implementing the ECE Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the outcome of the Istanbul Ministerial Conference on Ageing to be held in 2017. It will address the challenges of demographic change and better use of the potential of older persons. It will provide a platform for intergovernmental policy debate on matters relating to ageing and will facilitate communication with a wider network of experts and non-governmental organizations. It will support evidence-based policymaking and monitoring of the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action by coordinating data collection and policy-oriented research on ageing and intergenerational and gender relations.

17.46 The population component will also support the development of national capacities for policy formulation by providing policy advice on national action plans on ageing as well as providing capacity-building.

Legislative mandates

Overall ECE legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

66/288	The future we want
66/288	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community
67/226	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
69/8	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Central European Initiative
69/10	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Commonwealth of Independent States
69/11	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization
69/13	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
69/83	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe
69/111	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
69/142	Realizing the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities towards 2015 and beyond
69/143	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
69/225	Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy
69/272	Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat
69/277	Political declaration on strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations
69/313	Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)
70/1	Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
70/133	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
70/184	Information and communications technologies for development

70/201	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
70/204	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
70/205	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind
70/221	Operational activities for development of the United Nations system
70/222	South-South cooperation

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
2013/1	Outcome of the review of the 2005 Reform of the Economic Commission for Europe
2015/12	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
2015/15	Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

A (64)	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe
A (65)	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE
A (66)	Endorsement of the High-level statement on the post-2015 development agenda and expected sustainable development goals in the ECE region

Legislative mandates specific to ECE subprogrammes

Subprogramme 1: Environment

General Assembly resolutions

47/193	Observance of World Day for Water
62/68	Consideration of prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in the case of such harm
67/291	Sanitation for All
68/157	The human right to safe drinking water and sanitation
69/172	Human rights in the administration of justice

69/215	International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015, and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources
69/235	Industrial development cooperation
70/169	The human right to water and sanitation
70/209	United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014)

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

CEP/AC.13/2005/3/Rev.1	UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development adopted at the High-Level Meeting of Environment and Education Ministries, 2005
ECE/BELGRADE.CONF/2007/4/Add.1	Statement on Education for Sustainable Development by the Ministers of Education and of the Environment of the UNECE region adopted at the joint session on education for development of the Sixth Ministerial Conference entitled "Environment for Europe", 2007
ECE/AC.21/2014/2	Report of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment, 2014
ECE/ASTANA.CONF/2011/2/Add.1	Declaration: "Save water, grow green!" by Ministers of the region of UNECE, report of the Seventh Ministerial Conference entitled "Environment for Europe", 2011

Relevant decisions of the Governing Bodies of the Multilateral Environmental Agreements of the Economic Commission for Europe

ECE/EB.AIR/127 and Add.1	Report of the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution on its thirty-third session.
ECE/MP.PRTR/2014/4 and Add.1 and 2	Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters on its second session
ECE/MP.PP/2014/2 and Add.1 and Corr.1 and Add.2;	(i) Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) on its fifth session
(ii) ECE/MP.PP/2014/27-ECE/MP.PRTR/2014/2 and Add.1	(ii) Report of the joint High-level Segment of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention) on its fifth session and the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers on its second session, and adoption of the Maastricht Declaration on transparency as a driving force for environmental democracy

ECE/MP.EIA/20-ECE/MP.EIA/SEA/4, and Add.1 and Corr.1 and Add.2 and 3	Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context on its sixth session and of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment on its second session.
ECE/CP.TEIA/30 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on its eighth meeting
ECE/MP.WAT/37 and Add.1 and 2	Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes on its sixth session
ECE/MP.WH/11 and Add.1 and 2	Report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water and Health to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes on its third session

Subprogramme 2: Transport

General Assembly resolutions

58/9	Global road safety crisis
68/269	Improving global road safety
69/137	Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024
69/213	Role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation for sustainable development
70/197	Towards comprehensive cooperation among all modes of transport for promoting sustainable multimodal transit corridors
70/217	Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1999/65	Reconfiguration of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods into a Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
2013/7	Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar
2015/7	Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

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ECE/AC.21/2014/2	Report of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment on its fourth session

ECE/TRANS/236	Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-fifth session (Joint Declaration on the promotion of Euro-Asian rail transport and activities towards unified railway law; and Joint Statement on Future Development of Euro-Asian Transport Links)
ECE/TRANS/248	Report of the Inland Transport Committee on its seventy-seventh session
B (66)	Endorsement of the Geneva United Nations Charter on Sustainable Housing Decisions of the Treaty Bodies of United Nations Transport Agreements

Decisions of the Treaty Bodies of United Nations Transport Agreements

E/ECE/TRANS/505	1958 Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles and the condition for reciprocal recognition of approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions
ECE/RCTE/CONF/4	1997 Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform conditions for periodical technical inspections of wheeled vehicles and the reciprocal recognition of such inspections
ECE/TRANS/132	1998 Agreement concerning the establishment of global technical regulations for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or used on wheeled vehicles
ECE/TRANS/ADN/CONF/10/Add.1 and Corr.1	European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways
ECE/TRANS/224	"UNECE Road Map for promoting ITS-20 global actions 2012-2020"

Subprogramme 3: Statistics

General Assembly resolutions

67/144	Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women
68/261	Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics
69/210	Entrepreneurship for development
69/229	International migration and development
69/282	World Statistics Day
70/147	Protection of migrants
70/208	Harmony with Nature

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2012/2	The role of the United Nations system in implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education

2014/7	Further implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
2015/10	2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme

Economic and Social Council decisions

2010/235	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-first session and venue and dates of and provisional agenda and documentation for its forty-second session (Statistical Commission decision 41/112, Development indicators)
2011/245	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-second session and venue and dates of and provisional agenda and documentation for its forty-third session (Statistical Commission decision 42/102, Programme review: gender statistics)
2011/245	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-second session and venue and dates of and provisional agenda and documentation for its forty-third session (Statistical Commission decision 42/104, Environmental-economic accounting)
2011/245	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-second session and venue and dates of and provisional agenda and documentation for its forty-third session (Statistical Commission decision 42/107, Short-term economic indicators)
2012/230	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-third session and provisional agenda and dates for the forty-fourth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 43/101, Programme review: population and housing censuses)
2012/230	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-third session and provisional agenda and dates for the forty-fourth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 43/115, Regional statistical development in Europe)
2013/235	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fourth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-fifth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 44/101, Programme review: developing a statistical-spatial framework in national statistical systems)
2013/235	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fourth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-fifth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 44/105, Environment statistics)
2014/219	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fifth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-sixth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 45/101, Implementation of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics)
2014/219	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fifth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-sixth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 45/103, Programme review: broader measures of progress)

2014/219	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fifth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-sixth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 45/104, National Accounts)
2014/219	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fifth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-sixth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 45/106, International trade and economic globalization statistics)
2014/219	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fifth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-sixth session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 45/110, Big data and modernization of statistical systems)
2015/216	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-sixth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-seventh session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 46/101, Data in support of the post-2015 development agenda)
2015/216	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-sixth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-seventh session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 46/102, Population and housing censuses)
2015/216	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-sixth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-seventh session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 46/107, International trade and economic globalization statistics)
2015/216	Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-sixth session and the provisional agenda and dates for the forty-seventh session of the Commission (Statistical Commission decision 46/108, Environmental-economic accounting)

Subprogramme 4: Economic cooperation and integration

General Assembly resolutions

70/184	Information and communications technologies for development
70/213	Science, technology and innovation for development

Economic and Social Council decision

E/HLS/2013/1	Ministerial declaration of the 2013 high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council entitled "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals"

Subprogramme 5: Sustainable energy

General Assembly resolutions

69/225	Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy
70/213	Science, technology and innovation for development

Economic and Social Council decisions

1997/226	United Nations International Framework Classification for Energy Reserves/Resources: Solid Fuels and Mineral Commodities
2004/233	United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources
2011/222	Best Practice Guidance for Effective Methane Drainage and Use in Coal Mines

Subprogramme 6: Trade

General Assembly resolutions

69/137	Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024
69/213	Role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation for sustainable development
70/217	Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries
70/223	Agriculture development, food security and nutrition

Economic and Social Council resolution

1991/76	Promotion of interregional cooperation in the area of international trade facilitation

Economic and Social Council decision

1997/225	Economic Commission for Europe Recommendation 25, entitled "Use of the UN/EDIFACT Standard"

Subprogramme 7: Forestry and timber

General Assembly resolutions

62/98	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests
67/200	International Day of Forests
70/199	United Nations forest instrument

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2007/40	Non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests
2015/33	International arrangement on forests beyond 2015

Subprogramme 8: Housing, land management and population

General Assembly resolutions

65/234	Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014
69/146	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
70/107	International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2014/7	Further implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
2015/5	Modalities for the third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

Economic and Social Council decision

2014/239	Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-seventh session and provisional agenda for its forty-eighth session (Commission on Population and Development resolution 2014/1, Assessment of the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development)

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

ECE/AC.23/2002/2/Rev.6	Regional Implementation Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
ECE/AC.30/2007/2	Report of the UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing: "A Society for All Ages: Challenges and Opportunities"
ECE/AC.30/2012/3	Ministerial declaration: "Ensuring a society for all ages: Promoting quality of life and active ageing", 2012
ECE/HBP/2013/3	Draft Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management in the ECE region for the period 2014-2020
B (66)	Endorsement of the Geneva United Nations Charter on Sustainable Housing